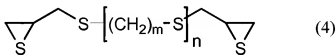


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

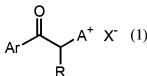
The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and all prior versions, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A coating composition comprising a photocurable composition including (A) an episulfide compound containing a thiirane ring, wherein the compound (A) is represented by the following general formula (4):

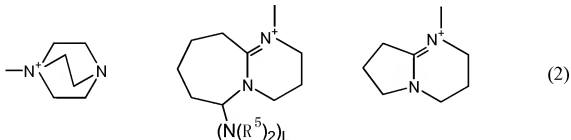


wherein m is an integer of 0 to 4; and n is an integer of 0 to 2; and (B) a photo-base generator represented by the general formula (1):



wherein Ar is phenyl, biphenyl, naphthyl, phenathryl, anthracyl, pyrenyl, 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl, 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1-naphthyl, thienyl, benzo[b]thienyl, naphtho[2,3-b]thienyl, thianthrenyl, dibenzofuryl, chromenyl, xanthenyl, thioxanthyl, phenoxanthinyl, terphenyl, stilbenyl or fluorenyl which may be unsubstituted, or mono- or poly-substituted with an alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 3 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkynyl group having 3 to 18 carbon atoms, a haloalkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, NO₂, OH, CN, OR¹, SR², C(O)R³, C(O)OR⁴ or halogen wherein R, R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are respectively hydrogen or an alkyl group

having 1 to 18 carbon atoms; $-A^+$ is an ammonium ion selected from the group consisting of those represented by the structural formulae (2):



wherein L is 1 or 0; and R^5 is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms; and X^- is a borate anion, an N,N-dimethyldithiocarbamate anion, an N,N-dimethylcarbamate anion, a thiocyanate anion or a cyanate anion; and (C) a modified silicone oil, wherein amount of the modified silicone oil included in the coating composition is 0.005 to 4.0 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the thiirane ring-containing episulfide compound.

2. (Previously presented) The coating composition according to claim 1, wherein in the general formula (1), Ar is an unsubstituted phenyl, biphenyl or naphthyl group.

3. (Previously presented) The coating composition according to claim 1, wherein in the general formula (1), the counter anion X^- is a borate anion.

4. and 5. (Cancelled).

6. (Currently amended) The coating composition according to claim 15, wherein in the general formula (4), the integer n is 0, or the integer n is 1 and the integer m is 0.

7. (Previously presented) The coating composition according to claim 1, further comprising a solvent capable of dissolving the photo-base generator represented by the general formula (1).

8. (Previously presented) A method for curing the photocurable composition of the coating composition according to claim 1 by irradiation of ultraviolet rays.

9. (Previously presented) A method of curing the photocurable composition of the coating composition according to claim 1 by irradiation of ultraviolet rays in the absence of air.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Previously presented) The coating composition according to claim 1, further comprising (D) a silane coupling agent.

12.-14. (Cancelled).

15. (Previously presented) A cured product made by the method of claim 8.

16. (Previously presented) A method for curing the photocurable composition of the coating composition according to claim 7 by irradiation of ultraviolet rays.

17. (Previously presented) A cured product made by the method of claim 16.
18. (Previously presented) A cured product made by the method of claim 9.
19. (Previously presented) A method of curing the photocurable composition of the coating composition according to claim 7 by irradiation of ultraviolet rays in the absence of air.
20. (Previously presented) A cured product made by the method of claim 19.
21. and 22. (Cancelled).
23. (Previously presented) A coating film made by the method of claim 8.
24. (Previously presented) A coating film made by the method of claim 9.
25. (Previously presented) An optical product provided on a surface thereof with the coating film as defined in claim 23.
26. (Previously presented) The coating composition according to claim 1, wherein said photo-base generator is capable of generating at least one of 1,4-diazabicyclo [2.2.2] octane, 1,8-diazabicyclo [5.4.0]-7-undecene derivatives and 1,5-diazabicyclo [4.3.0]-5-nonene, upon irradiation of ultraviolet rays.
27. (Previously presented) The coating composition according to claim 1, wherein X⁻ is selected from the group consisting of borate anion, an N,N-dimethylcarbamate anion, a thiocyanate anion and a cyanate anion.

28. (Previously presented) The coating composition according to claim 1, wherein the photocurable composition has the property that it is cured by irradiation with light.

29. (Previously presented) The coating composition according to claim 28, the photocurable composition having the property that is cured by irradiation with ultraviolet light.

30. (New) The coating composition according to claim 6, wherein in the general formula (4), the integer n is 0.